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SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON APRIL 2 MEETING (SALT TWO-587)

1. FIFTEEN MINUTES BEFORE TODAY'S MEETING SOVDEL TELEPHONED TO SAY THAT MINISTER SEMENOV "HAD NOT YET RETURNED" AND KARPOV WOULD TAKE HIS PLACE FOR TODAY'S MEETING. THEY ALSO REQUESTED THAT THERE BE NO BILATERALS FOLLOWING THE MEETING.

2. KARPOV'S STATEMENT WAS A MILD EXPOSITION OF THEIR VIEWS ON DATE 2400 AGGREGATE IS TO COME INTO FORCE, REPEATING THEIR VIEW THAT THIS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT "WITHIN AN AGREED PERIOD OF TIME" AFTER OCTOBER 3, 1977. IN THIS CONNECTION HE POINTED OUT THAT IT HAD TAKEN THE U.S. UNTIL MAY 1974 TO CARRY OUT ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER ABM TREATY. HE SUGGESTED SUBJECT SHOULD BE FURTHER DISCUSSED IN WORKING GROUP.

3. BELETSKY MADE BRIEF STATEMENT REJECTING "NON-HEAVY MISSILE" TERM ON GROUNDS THAT IT WAS "VAGUE, AMBIGUOUS AND IMPRECISE" AS COMPARED TO "PRECISE AND CLEAR" TERM "LIGHT."

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4. MY STATEMENT WAS EXPOSITION ON IMPORTANCE OF "ACHIEVING A

PRECISE AND INTEGRATED AGREEMENT WHICH DOES NOT NEED APPENDED STATEMENTS OR REFERENCES TO OTHER DOCUMENTS TO MAKE ITS MEANING CLEAR." I CITED QUESTIONS THAT HAD ARISEN WITH REGARD TO I.A. AND TOOK UP SPECIFIC POINTS IN SOVIET DRAFT AS COMPARED WITH OUR DRAFT.

5. (LAST THURSDAY SEMENOV TOLD ME THAT HE WAS GOING TO TAKE TRIP IN SWITZERLAND OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS, AND IT WAS AT HIS SUGGESTION THAT MEETING WAS SET FOR TODAY RATHER THAN FOR TUESDAY. KARPOV WAS TYPICALLY UNENLIGHTENING ON WHERE HE HAD GONE AND WHAT HAD PREVENTED HIS RETURN.)

6. NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY MORNING, APRIL 4, USSR MISSION.

7. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE TODAY'S MEETING. JOHNSON

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